



New Hampshire

Student Practice Test Booklet

Grade 5

Writing

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

Writing—Session 1

Answer questions 1 through 10.

- 1** Which additional word in the sentence below should be capitalized?

My dad left his office to take me to the doctor in springfield.

- A. dad
- B. school
- C. doctor
- D. springfield

- 2** Which additional word in the sentence below should be capitalized?

The northern part of our country is a popular vacation spot in the summer, especially in july on Cape Cod.

- A. july
- B. summer
- C. country
- D. vacation

- 3 Which word in the sentence below should not start with a lowercase letter?

At school yesterday, the history class covered the American revolution until the end of the 19th century.

- A. school
 - B. history
 - C. revolution
 - D. century
- 4 Which sentence has a punctuation error at the end?

- A. I am not sure if I want to go to the game.
- B. Do you like to play chess?
- C. My dog loves to take walks in the woods.
- D. When will your mother pick you up.

- 5 How should the underlined words in the sentence below be written?

She was traning to run in a race.

- A. training
- B. traneing
- C. trainning
- D. tranning

- 6 How should the underlined word in the sentence below be spelled?

I wanted to work hard on my studyies this weekend.

- A. studyes
- B. studys
- C. studyis
- D. studies

- 7 How should the underlined word in the sentence below be spelled?

I beleive that I can run a mile without stopping.

- A. beleve
- B. believe
- C. belive
- D. believed

- 8 How should the underlined word in the sentence below be spelled?

I want to where my jeans today.

- A. wear
- B. were
- C. whare
- D. weir

When writing responses to prompts 9 and 10 remember to

- **read the prompt carefully,**
- **develop a complete response to the prompt,**
- **proofread and edit your writing,**
- **write only in the space provided.**

A student wrote this fact sheet about frogs and toads. Read the fact sheet and think about these animals.

Frogs

- amphibians (an animal that spend the first part of their lives in the water and the second part on land)
- more than 400 species
- strong legs, lungs, webbed feet, and no tail
- powerful hind legs that help them leap long distances
- tend to like moister climates
- slender bodies and smooth skin
- cold blooded so their bodies change to the temperature around them
- take in water through their skin like a sponge
- eat insects which they catch with their long sticky tongues
- scientists have discovered that frogs are often the first animal to show signs of something being wrong with the environment, such as too much pollution
- usually lay eggs in clusters

Toads

- amphibians
- more than 300 species
- can be found in most parts of the world
- breath with lungs as adults
- short, hind legs
- tend to walk instead of hop
- paratoid or poison gland located behind the eyes
- tend to like drier climates
- bumpy, dry skin
- usually lay eggs in long chain

9 Write an INTRODUCTION to a report about frogs and toads. Choose some information from the fact sheet to set the context/background for your report. Be sure to include a focus sentence in your introduction.

- 10** Write a beginning paragraph of a scary story that describes the SETTING.
Use descriptive details in your writing.

Writing Session—2

Follow along as the passage is read to you. Then read the prompt in the box and follow the directions below.

Below is a passage about cats as pets. Read the passage and think about whether or not you think cats make good pets. Then answer the prompt that follows.

Cats as Pets

Forget all the bad things you've heard about cats. They are not loners or stuck-up. They are not finicky eaters. Black cats don't bring bad luck.

The truth is that cats make terrific pets. In fact, they are the most popular pets in the United States. Cats are great companions, and they love human company. They are small enough to live comfortably in an apartment or small house, and they are very clean. Cats need far less care than dogs. You won't have to walk your cat twice a day in the freezing cold or blistering heat. However, when you bring home a cat you are taking on a big responsibility. There's more to being a cat owner than just putting out food and water for your pet each day. It will be up to you to give your cat the care and love it needs. Responsible pet owners make time for their animals—even when they would rather be doing something else.

Think it over. Are you ready to do what it takes? A pet is a wonderful living thing; treat it accordingly.

Feline Fun

Just like you, cats don't like to be bored. Keep your cat happy and active with toys. Ping-Pong balls make good toys, and small plastic balls with bells inside are also favorites. Cats love soft toy mice or birds, but avoid toys that have sharp edges or glued-on parts. And make sure that any toys you buy won't break apart. Cats have been known to choke on small pieces and bells.

You can also find play things for your cat around the house. They love to pounce on balls of crumpled paper. They also like cardboard boxes, wooden thread spools, or just a big paper bag. Be creative and you'll save money.

Cat Naps

Cats sleep a lot. In fact, they spend about two-thirds to three-quarters of the day sleeping. That's more than any other mammal! No one really knows why, but any time, day or night, can be nap time for a cat.

Based on the passage and what you know, would you like to have a cat for a pet? Use details from the passage in your response.

Use the box below to organize your writing. You may fill it in **before** you write to **plan** your response, or you may fill it in **after** you write to **check** your response. What you write in this box will be included as part of your score.

11 What is your focus/controlling idea? _____

DO NOT

12 What are the supporting details/references to text in your response?

WRITE

IN

13 What is the conclusion to your response?

THIS BOX

When writing responses to prompt 14 remember to

- **read the prompt carefully,**
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14 Based on the passage and what you know, would you like to have a cat for a pet? Use details from the passage in your response.